

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 724. An act to authorize appropriations to carry out part B of title I of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

H.R. 727. An act to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398), the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals to the China Security Commission: George Becker of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Kenneth Lewis of Portland, Oregon; and Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 202(b)(3) of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (20 U.S.C. 5822), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Education Goals Panel: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), the Speaker appoint the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. YOUNG of Florida and Mr. HEFLEY.

The message further announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), the Speaker appoint the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. SIMMONS.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. SKEEN and Mr. GILCREST.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4335(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Academy: Mr. TAYLOR of the North Carolina and Mrs. KELLY.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 1295(h), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. KING.

The message further announced that pursuant to 320(b)(2) of Public Law 106-291, the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on Forest Counties Payment: Mr. Robert E. Douglas of California and Mr. Mark Evans of Texas.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 724. An act to authorize appropriations to carry out part B of title I of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 727. An act to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(a), the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from the further consideration of the following joint resolution, which was placed on the calendar on March 5, 2001:

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor under charter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to ergonomics.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-914. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure to Shareholders" (RIN3052-AB94) received on March 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-915. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Research and Promotion Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Watermelon Research and Promotion Plan" (Docket No. FV-703-FR) received on March 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-916. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Change in Size Designation" (Docket No. FV00-966-1FIR) received on March 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-917. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Onions Grown in the Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon; Revision of Administrative Rules and Regulations" (Docket No. FV00-956-1FIR) received on March 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-918. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV01-932-1IFR)

received on March 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-919. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2000-2001 Marketing Year" (Docket No. FV01-982-1IFR) received on March 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-920. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relating to programmatic, managerial, and financial activities for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-921. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-603, "Title 25, D.C. Code Enactment and Related Amendments Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-922. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-923. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a report concerning the termination of the identity of Serbia as a violator of religious freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-924. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-925. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the international narcotics control strategy for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-926. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report related to the adherence to and compliance with arms control agreements for the year 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-927. A communication from the Chairman of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report concerning medicare payment policy for the year 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-928. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "January-March 2001 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2001-10) received on March 5, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-929. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: IRC 807 Basis Adjustment—Change in Basis v. Correction of Error" (UIL807.05-01) received on March 6, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-930. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: